

Friday Meditation

Read: Philippians 4:4-7

Questions:

1. What does Paul say we should always do? (vs.4)
2. What does God give to us when we pray with thanksgiving? (vs. 7)

Prayer:

- Spend a moment in prayer, rejoicing in God and who God is in your life.
- If there is anything you are anxious or fearful about today, lift that up to God with thanksgiving.

May God be with you today my friend and rest on his unchanging love and grace for you. See you Sunday!

Sermon Fill In The Blank: 73%, 31%, 42%, 34%, understand, unreliable, 5309, 250-300, myths, eyewitness, seen/experienced, refute, die

Sermon Notes

Isn't the Bible a Myth?

2016 State of the Church by Barna:

1. _____% of Americans call themselves Christian.
2. Only _____% attend services at least once a month, which Barna calls a Practicing Christian.
3. _____% would be considered non-practicing Christians.
4. Only _____% of Christians have read their bible in the last 7 days.

People don't read/use their bibles for several reasons.

1. They don't _____ the bible.
2. The bible is an _____ set of documents.
 - a. There are _____ Greek NT manuscripts.
 - b. Earliest copies of NT are only _____ - _____ years old.
3. The bible is a set of _____ that were put together.
 - a. Only _____ accounts are included in the NT.
 - b. The gospels simply state the facts of what was _____ / _____ with Jesus.
 - c. There are no documents written at that time that _____ the gospel writings.
 - d. Christians were willing to _____ rather than say the gospels were not true.

Monday Meditation

Read: 1 John 1:1-3

Questions:

1. What are the words that show why John is convinced Jesus is who he claimed to be?
2. Why does John proclaim Jesus? (v3)

Today's prayer:

Lord, we thank you for your Word which proclaims what was seen and heard in regard to Jesus, so that we might have true life, both in this life and in the life to come. Give me the assurance of these truths to proclaim them to others for Your glory. In Jesus Name. Amen.

Tuesday Meditation

Read: Hebrews 11:1-3

Questions:

1. How does this writer define faith? (vs. 1)
2. When God created, what did God use to form what we see today of the world? (vs. 3)

Prayer: Lord God, creator of heaven and earth, and of all that is seen and unseen, we thank You that You who created all are interested in me. Help me to know you better and serve you in love. In Jesus name. Amen

Wednesday Meditation

Read: Mark 15:20-21

Questions:

1. Who helped Jesus and what were his sons names?
2. Why does Mark specifically write their names in his gospel?

Prayer: *Almighty God, thank you for those who were with Jesus and have written down who and what they saw. Help us to live lives today like Simon who willingly served Jesus. In His name we ask. Amen.*

Thursday Meditation

Read: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 16

Questions:

1. Peter says in vs. 14 that if we are insulted because of Christ, how then are we blessed?
2. If we do suffer, we are not to be what (vs. 16) and we should then do what?

Prayer: *Changeless God, you bless us with the presence of Your Spirit inside us. Spirit help us to never be ashamed, but to joyfully follow the teachings of Jesus and proclaim Your love those we know. In Jesus Name. Amen.*